

7.102 Policy.

(a) Agencies shall perform acquisition planning and conduct market research (see [part 10](#)) for all acquisitions in order to promote and provide for-

(1) Acquisition of commercial items or, to the extent that commercial items suitable to meet the agency's needs are not available, nondevelopmental items, to the maximum extent practicable ([10 U.S.C. 2377](#) and [41 U.S.C. 3307](#)); and

(2) Full and open competition (see [part 6](#)) or, when full and open competition is not required in accordance with [part 6](#), to obtain competition to the maximum extent practicable, with due regard to the nature of the supplies or services to be acquired ([10 U.S.C.2305\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)](#) and [41 U.S.C. 3306a\(1\)](#)).

(3) Selection of appropriate contract type in accordance with [part 16](#); and

(4) Appropriate consideration of the use of pre-existing contracts, including interagency and intra-agency contracts, to fulfill the requirement, before awarding new contracts. (See [8.002](#) through [8.004](#) and [subpart 17.5](#)).

(b) This planning shall integrate the efforts of all personnel responsible for significant aspects of the acquisition. The purpose of this planning is to ensure that the Government meets its needs in the most effective, economical, and timely manner. Agencies that have a detailed acquisition planning system in place that generally meets the requirements of [7.104](#) and [7.105](#) need not revise their system to specifically meet all of these requirements.

Parent topic: [Subpart 7.1 - Acquisition Plans](#)